

WESTERN POWER — PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

1305. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to Western Power's 2022 annual report, which on page 108 has total property, plant and equipment listed at a capital value of \$11.977 billion as at 30 June 2022.

- (1) How much of the \$11.977 billion is represented by —
 - (a) poles;
 - (b) cables;
 - (c) substations; and
 - (d) transformers?
- (2) Given that the estimated useful life of substations, transformers, poles and cables is 45 to 50 years, what proportion of each of these categories is over 50 years old?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

- (1) (a)–(b) \$8.9 billion;
(c) \$1.6 billion; and
(d) \$0.23 billion.
- (2) Western Power publishes an annual “state of the infrastructure report” which provides, amongst other things, a snapshot of the age profile, condition and risk of key transmission and distribution assets.

I table the most recent edition of the state of the infrastructure report for the member.

[See paper [1915](#).]